

Impact Program



The Impact Program is a specialized system program designed to meet the needs of students in grades 4-10 with diagnosed learning disabilities or specific learning disorders. In elementary and junior high, the program offers a smaller class setting with a focus on improving academic skills through specific skill instruction, accommodations, compensatory strategies and self-advocacy skills. Students follow a typical classroom routine, may be integrated in regular classes for some programming and are engaged as a part of the larger school community. In senior high, core subjects and optional courses are available through a variety of instructional settings, small-group instruction and regular programming, allowing students to experience success. Impact students are working toward a high school diploma.

Flexible and responsive instruction is guided by an Instructional Support Plan (ISP), builds on individual strengths and needs, and follows the Alberta Programs of Study, with adaptations and accommodations as necessary. The Impact Program is supported by Elk Island Public Schools' Specialized Supports multi-disciplinary team.

Benefits for Students

- Improved literacy and numeracy skills
- Improved self-advocacy skills
- Increased self-esteem, independence and confidence

Programming Priorities

- Smaller class sizes with more targeted instruction at elementary and junior high levels
- A balance between direct instruction to improve areas of weakness and providing adaptations to compensate for the identified learning difficulties
- Building literacy and numeracy skills in a nurturing and structured environment, while providing opportunities to grow and build as part of the school community
- Opportunities for students to integrate in certain subjects when appropriate

Eligibility

Students must:

- be 9 to 18 years old as of December 31, in the year they'll enrol in the program;
- have a clinical diagnosis of a specific learning disorder;
- be of average cognitive ability as diagnosed in a psychoeducational assessment; and
- be a resident student of Elk Island Public Schools.

If you feel your child might be eligible, discuss your child's programming needs with your school team. They, along with the specialized supports consultant, can help to determine if the Impact Program might be a potential fit for your child.

Locations

- Woodbridge Farms Elementary (grades 4-6)
- Sherwood Heights Junior High (grades 7-9)
- Salisbury Composite High (Grade 10)

Questions about this program?

Current EIPS families:
Contact your school team

New EIPS families:
Contact EIPS' Supports for Students team at 780-417-8219

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FAQs

